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## **Tree Removal Project in Cook County**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a tree removal project will require lane closures in various locations of Cook County until Wednesday, March 1, weather permitting. The project includes various state routes in Norridge, River Grove, Schiller Park and River Forest.

In order to complete the work, lane closures will take place at the following locations:

- Des Plaines River Road from Cumberland Avenue to Oakton Street
- Irving Park Road from Des Plaines River Road to Cumberland Avenue
- Chicago Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Thatcher Avenue
- Belmont Avenue from Forest Preserve Drive to Thatcher Avenue

Traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers while work is taking place. There will be intermittent traffic stops to allow trees to be safely lowered into the roadway.

The overall improvements will enhance motorist and pedestrian safety by removing hazardous trees and clearing sight lines. The project also will improve ecology, protect existing preferred species and provide better access to quality vegetation.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com)

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